

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Llew Jones, on February 24, 2017 at 10:09 AM, in Room 317  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)  
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: SB 257, 2/24/2017; SB 279, 2/24/2017

Executive Action: SB 126 Do Pass; SB 279 Do Pass; SB 257 Be Tabled

00:00:08 Chairman Jones

**HEARING ON SB 257**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:12 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 257, Generally revise laws related to solitary confinement.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a01\)](#)

00:03:22 Chairman Jones

00:03:27 Sen. Webb

[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a02\)](#)

00:03:37 Chairman Jones

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:48 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

00:05:18 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:06:10 Adrienne Slaughter, Department of Corrections

00:07:12 Dave Galt, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:16 Sen. Wolken

00:08:40 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division

00:08:56 Sen. Webb

00:09:14 Chairman Jones

00:09:26 Ms. Johnson

00:09:37 Sen. Webb

00:09:40 Chairman Jones

00:09:57 Sen. Webb

00:10:02 Sen. Moore

00:10:30 Sen. Webb

00:10:40 Sen. Keenan

00:10:59 Sen. Webb

00:11:13 Sen. Keenan

00:12:02 Sen. Webb

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:21 Sen. Webb

**HEARING ON SB 279**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:12:59 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 279, Generally revise legislative bill drafting process laws.

00:14:08 Chairman Jones

00:14:13 Sen. Vincent

[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:06 Sen. Smith

00:15:30 Sen. Vincent

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:30 Sen. Vincent

**Committee Business:**

00:18:01 Chairman Jones

00:19:52 Sen. Sesso

00:21:39 Sen. Osmundson

00:22:12 Sen. McNally

00:22:25 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division

00:22:52 Chairman Jones

00:23:20 Sen. Gauthier left the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 126**

00:23:40 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 126 DO PASS.**

00:24:01 Chairman Jones

[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a04\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:24:17 Sen. Sesso

00:25:25 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division

00:26:13 Chairman Jones

00:26:37 Sen. Sesso

00:29:01 Chairman Jones

00:29:42 Sen. Sesso

00:32:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. McNally, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Whitford and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Gauthier voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 279**

00:33:04 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 279 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:33:14 Chairman Jones  
00:34:10 Sen. Olszewski  
00:34:23 Sen. Osmundson  
00:34:44 Chairman Jones

00:35:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gauthier voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 257**

00:35:27 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 257 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:35:44 Chairman Jones  
00:36:10 Sen. Wolken  
00:36:34 Sen. Osmundson  
00:37:16 Sen. Howard  
00:37:59 Sen. Phillips  
00:38:25 Sen. Keenan  
00:38:51 Sen. Whitford  
00:39:21 Chairman Jones  
00:40:59 Sen. Sesso  
00:41:47 Sen. McNally  
00:42:12 Sen. Wolken

00:42:46 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-13 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Phillips, Sen. C. Smith, Sen. Whitford and Sen. Wolken voting aye. Sen. Gauthier voted by proxy.

00:43:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 257 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 13-5 by voice vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Phillips, Sen. C. Smith, Sen. Whitford and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Gauthier voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:53 AM

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fcs41aad.pdf](#))